

THE  
LAWES  
OF THE  
MARKET.



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# The Lawes of the Market.

**F**irst, in all the Markets of this  
Citie, no victuall shall bee sold,  
but by the price set by the Mai-  
or of this Citie.

2 No man shall forestall any vi-  
ctuall comming to the Market, as  
so: to buy in any Inn or other pri-  
vie place, or yet comming to the  
Market, whether it be found in the  
hands of the buyer or of the seller,  
under paine of forfeiture of the  
same: and no In-holder shall suffer  
any thing to bee sold in his house,  
upon paine of forfeiture of xl.s.

3 No man shall regrate any vic-  
tuall which is in the market, or buy  
any victuall to ingrate in the mar-  
ket, so that the commons can or  
may have any part of such victu-

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all, as in especiall such as be known for hucksters, or other people, occupying their living by such victual as they would so ingrosse, under paine of forfeiture of such victuall so regrated: provided alwaies that any steward for any noble feast may buy or ingrate such victuall as is convenient for the same feast.

4 No butter shall be sould but according to the weight for the time of the yeare allowed.

5 No Poulters shall deceitably occupie the Market, to sel any stale victuall, or such as be Poulters of this Citie, for to stand in strange cloathing so to doe, under paine of xli.s. & the forfeiture of such victuall.

6 No Hucksters shall stand or sit in the Market, but in the lower place and the ends of the Market, to the

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intent they may be perfectly known, and the Stranger-market-people have the preheminence of the Market, under paine of iii. s. iiij. d. if the Hucksters disobey the same.

7 No unwholesome or stale victuall shal be sold under pain of xl. s. and forfeiture of the same victuall.

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*The Statutes of the Streetes  
of this Citie, against  
Noyfances*

First, No man shall sweepe the filth of the street into the Channell of the Citie, in time of any rain, or at any other time, under pain of vi. s. viij. d.

2 No man shall cast, or lay in the Streets, Dogges, Cats, or other carrion, or any noysome thing, contagious of Aire. Nor no Inholder shall lay out dung out of his house,

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but if the cart be readie to carrie the same away incontinently, under paine of xl.s.

3 No Brewer shall cast, wilfully, Dregs, or drosse of Ale or Beere into the chancell, under paine of ii.s.

4 No man shall encumber the streets with timber, stones, carts or such like, under paine of forfeiture of the same thing that so encumbereth the streets, which is twentie shillings fine, if he remove it not at the warning of the Sergant of the Market.

5 Euerie builder of houses ought to come to the Maior, Aldermen, and Chamberlaine for a speciall license for houre of, by him to bee made in the high Streete, and no builder to encumber the Streetes with any manner of thing taken downe for the preparing of his new building, under paine of fortie shillings,

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lings, except he make a hound of forty shillings.

6 No man shall set any Carts in the streetes by night time, under the paine of vii. d. & recompence to such persons as shall be hurt thereby, if any such be, vii. d.

7 No Budge-man shall lead but two horses, and he shall not let them go unled, under paine of ii. s.

8 No man shall ride, or drive his carre or carte a trotte in the streete, but patiently, under paine of ii. s.

9 No man shall gallop his horse in the streete, under paine of ii. s.

10 No man shall shoot in the street for wager or otherwise, under like paine of ii. s.

11 No man shall bowl, or cast any stone in the streete, for wager or gain, or such like, under paine of ii. s.

12 No man shall digge any hole in  
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the streete for any matter, except he  
stop it up again, under pain of ii.s.  
and recompence to any person hurt  
thereby, ii. s.

13 No man shall burie any dung  
or gounge, within the Liberties of  
this Citie, under paine of xl.s.

14 No Gounge-fermer shall carrie  
any Ordure till after ix. of the  
clocke in the night, under paine of  
thirteen shillings foure pence.

15 No Gounge-fermer shall spill a-  
ny Ordure in the street, under  
paine of viii.s.iiii.d.

16 No man shall bait Bull Bear,  
or Horse, in the open street, under  
paine of xx.s.

17 No man shall have any Kine,  
Goats, Hogs, Pigs, Hens, Cockes,  
Capon, or Duckes, in the open  
street, under pain of forfeiting the.

18 No man shall maintaine any  
biting Curre, or mad Dogges, in  
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the streets, under paine of ii.s. and recompence unto every partie hurt therewith ii.s.

19 No Carts that shall bee shod with Spig nayle, that shall come upon the streets of this Citie, under paine of iii.s.iiii.d.

20 No Carts using daily carriage within this Citie, nor Car, shall have wheelles shod with any Iron, but bare, under paine of vi.s.

21 No man shall burn any straw, rushes, or other thing, linnen, or wollen, in the streets by night, or by day, under paine of iii.s.iiii.d.

22 No man shall blow any horne in the night, within this Citie, or whistle after the houre of nine of the clock in the night, under paine of imprisonment.

23 No man shall use to go with vizards, or disguised by night, under like paine of imprisonment.

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24 Made that night-walkers & Cuck-droppers, like punishment.

25 No hammer-man, as a Smith, a Pewterer, a foundler and all Artificers, making a great sound, shall worke after the houre of nine in the night, nor afore the hour of four in the morning, under paine of iii. s. iiii. d.

26 No man shall cast into the ditches of this Citie, or the Sewers of this Citie, without the wals, or into the wals, grates, or gullets of this Citie, any manner of Carri-on, stinking flesh, rotten fish, or any rubbish, dung, sand, gravell, weeds, stones, or any other thing, to stoppe the course of the same, under paine of cleansing thereof, at his owne cost and charge, under paine of imprisonment.

27 No man shall make any wided rawtes in any of the Towne Ditches,

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ches, or the Towne gullets, under paine of xx.s.

28 No man shall build nigh the walles of the Citie, without license of the Lord Maior, Aldermen, and Chamberlaine, under paine of throwing downe the same, and no license may bee granted, except that the Chamberlaine freely at all times conuenient and needfull for ingresse and entry, outgoing, and cleare recourse.

29 No man shall go in the streets by night or by day, with bow bent, or Arrows under his Girdle, nor with sword unscabberd, under paine of imprisonment: or with hand-gun, having therewith powder & match: except it be in an usuall May-game or sight.

30 No man shall after the houre of nine at the night, keepe any rule whereby any such sudden out-crie  
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bee made in the still of the night, as making any affray, or beating his wife, or servant, or singing or revelling in his house, to the disturbance of his neighbors, under pain of iii. s. iiii. d.

31 No man shall make any affray upon any Officer, which with good demeanour doth his meassage by commandement of the Lord Mayor, or any Alderman, or M. Sheriffes, or M. Chamberlain, or mis-behave himselfe in any rayling upon any Judge of this Citie, or their officers, which by commandement are sent to bring any breaker of this law and custome to Ward, or to distresse, or such like, upon pain of imprisonment of fortie dayes, and forfeiture of the double penalty, for the offences aforesaid: railing upon any Alderman or Mayor in his office, is iudgement of the pillorie: railing

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ing upon Master Chamberlain in his office, fortie dayes imprisonment, beating, threatning, and railing on an officer is imprisonment, after as the trespassse is.

32 Memorandum, That every offence found in this Citie, it is accustomed that the Officer, a freeman finding it, which is called Primus Inventor, hath halfe the penaltie by the grace of the Court.

33 Also every freeman may finde any offence, but he hath no power to bring the partie before any Judge of this Citie, without an officer, except the party will come to his answer by free will.

34 No man hath power to arrest, attach, or make distress of any goods forfeitable, or offences, except a Constable or Sergeant of the Mace.

35 No Butcher or his servant shall use to drive any Oxe or Oxen a trot

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trott in the Streets, but peaceably and if an Ore happen to be let goe, when he is prepared to slaughter, the Butcher shall forfeit ii.s. besides recompence, if any person be hurt thereby.

36 No Butcher shall scald Hogs, but in the common scalding house, upon paine of vi.s. viii.d.

37 No Butcher shall sell any meafell Hog, or unwholsome flesh, under paine of r. li.

38 No butcher shall sell any olde stale victuall: that is to say, abobe the slaughter of three daies in the Winter, and two in the Summer, under paine of r. li.

39 None unreasonable Victuall for all manner of victualls.

40 No Victular of this Citie shall give any rude or unsittting language, or make any clamor upon any man or woman in the open market,

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market, for cheapening of victual,  
under pain of iii.s.iiii.d.

41 No Butcher shall cast the in-  
wards of beasts into the streetes,  
cleaves of beasts feet, bones, hornes  
of Sheepe, or other such like, under  
paine of ii.s.

42 The pudding cart of the Cham-  
bles shall not goe afore the houre of  
nine in the night, or after the houre  
of fixe in the morning, under paine  
of vi.s.viii.d.

43 No man shall cast any urine  
boles or ordure boles into the  
streets by day or night, afore the  
houre of nine in the night: and also  
hee shall not cast it out, but bring  
it down, and lay it in the Channell  
under the paine of iii.s.iiii.d. And  
if he doe cast it upon any persons  
head, the party to have a lawful re-  
compence, if he have hurt thereby.

44 No man shall hurt, cut, or de-  
stroy

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stroy any Pipes, Sesperralls, or  
wind-vents, pertaining to the Con-  
duit, under paine of imprisonment.  
and making satisfaction, though  
hee doth it out of the City, if he may  
be taken within the City.

45 No man within this City, may  
make any Quill, & break any pipe  
of the Conduit, coming through  
his house, or nigh his ground, un-  
der pain of the Pillorie, or take any  
water privily unto his house.

46 Casting any corrupt thing, ap-  
poysoning the water, is Lewdregula-  
ry and felony.

47 Whosoever destroy or perishe  
any Cokes of the Conduit, must  
have imprisonment, and make  
satisfaction.

Old Lawes and Customes of  
this Citie.

**N**O man shall set up Shop, or  
occupie as a freeman, afore hee  
be



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be sworn in the Chamber of London, and admitted by the Chamberlaine, under paine of

48 No man shall set over his apprentice to any other person, but by license of M. Chamberlain, and there to be set over under pain

49 No man which is a forraine shall buy or sell within the Liberties of this Citie, with another forraine, under paine of forfeiture of the goods so forraine bought and sold.

50 No freeman shall be disobedient for to come at M. Chamberlains commandement, to any summons to him given by any officer of the Chamber, under paine of imprisonment.

51 M. Chamberlain hath power to send a freeman to Ward, so that hee incontinently after send to the Lord Mayor the cause why that hee

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is punished, so that the Lord Maior release him not, but by the Chamberlaines assent: & if he be a great Commoner, and disobeying to the Chamberlaine, M. Chamberlaine may referre it to a Court of Aldermen.

M. Chamberlaine hath authoritie for to send or command any Apprentise to the Counter for their offences: & if their offences be great, as in defiling their masters houses by vicious living, or offending his master by theft, or dis-flaunder, or such like, then to command him to Newgate.

Apprentise enroled, his master payeth ii.s.vi.d.

Apprentise set over, he that receiveth i.s.

Apprentice made free, he payeth foure shillings.

Apprentise never enroled, and made

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made free, his master payeth viii. s.  
ii. d.

A man made free by his fathers  
copic payeth xviii. d.

A Proclamation made in the time  
of the mayoralty of Sir Michael  
Dormer Knight.

An Act of common Councell,  
made in the Euen of S. michael,  
Anno Regis Henrici octavi, xxxi. That  
no person should lay any wares in  
the street, or beyond the edge of their  
stall, upon paine of forfeiture the  
first time vi. s. viii. d. the second  
time, viii. s. iiii. d. and the third  
time the ware so laid.

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